



State of New Mexico

Office of the Governor

Bill Richardson
Governor

EXECUTIVE ORDER 2003-028

Emergency Funds to Department of Public Safety for Encebado Wildfire Burning in Taos County

WHEREAS, on July 4, 2003 a wildfire was ignited by lighting on Federal lands in Taos County;

WHEREAS, the fire has burned through a portion of the Rio Pueblo watershed and is threatening additional watershed area;

WHEREAS, the Rio Pueblo watershed is the primary drinking water source of the Taos Pueblo;

WHEREAS, the fire is uncontrolled and currently threatening homes, businesses, and infrastructure on state and private lands and, as a result, there exists a threat to the life and safety of the public;

WHEREAS, local and state resources are required for response and recovery and may be insufficient to prevent damage from this wildfire, and the resulting loss will pose a significant threat to the health and safety of the citizens of, and visitors to the area, as well as to the economic base of the affected local governments; and

WHEREAS, this situation constitutes an emergency with potentially catastrophic consequences.

NOW THEREFORE, I, Diane D. Denish, Acting Governor of the State of New Mexico pursuant to Article V, Section 7 of the New Mexico Constitution, by virtue of the authority vested in the Governor by the Constitution and Laws of the State of New Mexico, do hereby declare a State of Emergency for the Encebado wildfire burning in Taos County, in accordance with Section 6-7-1 through 6-7-3, NMSA 1978 as amended. I direct the Department of Finance and Administration to provide emergency financial resources in the amount of \$750,000 to the Department of Public Safety as Disaster Assistance Program funds to be made available and disbursed to eligible applicants under the authority of the Governor or the Governor's Authorized Representative in accordance with the Disaster Assistance Program and the Statutes of the State of New Mexico. All State Agencies are

directed to provide such assistance as may be requested by the State Emergency Operations Center under the authority of the Governor's Authorized Representative. The Office of Emergency Management of the Department of Public Safety is directed to request such aid and assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency as may be appropriate.

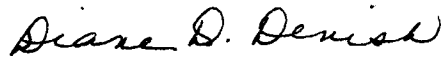
ATTEST:



REBECCA VIGIL-GIRON
SECRETARY OF STATE

DONE AT THE EXECUTIVE OFFICE
THIS 7TH DAY OF JULY, 2003

WITNESS MY HAND AND THE GREAT SEAL
OF THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO



DIANE D. DENISH
LT. GOVERNOR, PURSUANT TO HER
AUTHORITY AS ACTING GOVERNOR OF NEW
MEXICO

